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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

Like most who follow technology news, I am pleased that the Department of Justice and Microsoft have reached a settlement agreement. Three years of litigation have proven to be taxing on the entire IT industry.

The settlement calls for Microsoft to renounce its ability to retaliate against its competitors, yet, its competitors retain their right to retaliate against Microsoft in the open market. This action may prove to decrease competition within the software industry, which will inevitably hurt the consumer.

The Department of Justice owes the American IT industry and Microsoft an end to this suit. Prolonging the suit can only serve to further harm the American consumer. Please accept the settlement now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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